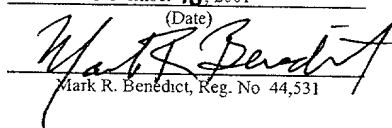


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 5, please amend the paragraph beginning "This is a continuation..." as follows:

This is a continuation of International Patent Application PCT/EP00/04468, filed May 17, 2000 and published in German, which claims priority to German application number 19922863.9, filed May 19, 1999, and German application number 19926879.7, filed June 12, 1999. The German applications are incorporated herein by reference.

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Dear Sir:

As stated in the accompanying statement of Jose Colunga, on Friday, November 16, 2001 Mr. Colunga attempted to deposit correspondence with the USPS by Express Mail in regards to the above-identified patent application for delivery to the Commissioner for Patents at the USPTO. However, the USPS refused to accept the correspondence. As a result, the correspondence was sent to the USPTO by first class mail.

A complete copy of all the materials in the correspondence is attached hereto. The undersigned respectfully petitions to have a filing date of November 16, 2001 assigned to these materials. No fees are believed due Please charge any required fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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